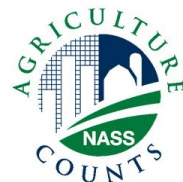


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Oregon Winter Wheat Seedings

Oregon

Wheat producers in Oregon seeded 810,000 acres of winter wheat for harvest in 2011. This is down 1 percent from last year's estimate of 820,000 acres, but up 7 percent from two years ago. By the end of November, the winter wheat crop was reported to be 91 percent fair to good. In some areas with less snow accumulation, colder than normal temperatures may have hurt some winter wheat.

United States

Planted area for harvest in 2011 is estimated at 41.0 million acres, up 10 percent from 2010 but 5 percent below 2009. Seeding began last August and during September was slightly behind the 5-year average. During October, seeding progressed slightly ahead of the 5-year average. More acres were seeded this year due to the early row crop harvest and higher prices. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated 47 percent good to excellent compared with 63 percent the previous year.

Winter wheat: Area seeded by crop year, 2009-2011 ¹

Area	Crop year			2011/ 2010
	2009	2010	2011	
	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon	760	820	810	99
Idaho	740	750	840	112
Washington	1,700	1,750	1,750	100
Pacific Northwest ²	3,200	3,320	3,400	102
United States	43,346	37,335	40,990	110

¹ Total for all purposes.

² Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

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